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1. INDOCHINA

NVN SAID WEDNESDAY, IN BROADCAST MONITORED IN BANGKOK,  
THAT THERE CAN BE NO SEARCH FOR US DEAD AND MISSING  
IN INDOCHINA UNLESS US PROVIDES HANOI AND SAIGON  
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POSTWAR AID; MAINTAINED NVN READY TO DISCUSS ISSUE  
WITH US. US OFFICIALS IN BANGKOK SAY FIRST TIME  
THEY HAVE KNOWN HANOI TO LINK TWO SUBJECTS IN SUCH  
DIRECT MANNER (UPI CHITRIB, WP, PHINQ, GLOBE, WSTAR, 6/11;

NYT; AP, SUN). DOS' FUNSETH CHIDED NVN STATEMENT, SAYING "IRONIC" HANOI WOULD MAKE SUCH DEMAND IN VIEW OF ITS OWN VIOLATION OF PARIS ACCORDS, AND "DIFFICULT TO TAKE THESE HANOI PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY" (PHINQ; AP, SUN).

NYT'S LEWIS, IN PARIS, REPORTS AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH SOURCES SAYING THAT EVEN AS NVN FORCES TOPPLED BAN ME THUOT IN MARCH AND APPEARED CERTAIN WINNING WAR, THEY MORE URGENTLY URGED GOF HELP ARRANGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAIGON. FRENCH SOURCES ALSO SAY PRG NOW HAS VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO SAY IN SOUTH, WHICH BEING RUN

BY NVN MIL COMMITTEE; ADD THAT AMB MARTIN TOO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH ORGANIZING US EVACUATION TO TAKE PART IN EXCHANGES OVER THIEU'S RESIGNATION. VIEW IN PARIS IS THAT HANOI HAS NOW DECIDED MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTROL OF SOUTH.

SAIGON MIL ADMIN ORDERS REMNANTS OF THIEU GOVT REPORT FOR RE-EDUCATION, THAT COULD LAST MONTH, TO SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES IN SAIGON WITH ENOUGH FOOD, CLOTHES, FOR FOUR-WEEK STAY. NVN INFO AGENCY SAYS PRC HAS MADE URGENT AND NON-REPAYABLE AID GRANT TO HANOI (WP).

UNHCR ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY IT WILL OPEN HANOI OFFICE,

UNDER AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH NVN, TO FACILITATE COORDINATION WITH NVN IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND ACCELERATE UN UNIT'S PROJECTS IN THAT COUNTRY (NYT).

KY SAYS THIEU, SHORTLY BEFORE HE RESIGNED, TRIED HAVE HIM MURDERED, APPARENTLY AFTER LEARNING OF PLOT BY KY AND ASSOCIATES TO OUST THIEU LAST APRIL. SAYS COUP PLOTTERS TALKED OUT OF PLAN BY AMB MARTIN, WHO ASSURED THIEU'S DEPARTURE WOULD BE "ARRANGED"; AND THIEU PLOT TO KILL HIM FAILED WHEN SECURITY GUARDS UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOT THREE WOULD-BE ASSASSINS (AP, WSTAR 6/11).

CSM'S WOHL REPORTS SOUTH CHINA SEA TEAMING WITH SOVIET SHIPS CARRYING BUILDING MATERIALS AND FOOD TO VN.

AFP (HANOI) REPORTS APPEARANCE OF COCA COLA IN STATE-RUN SHOP FOR FIRST TIME SINCE GENEVA AGREEMENTS DIVIDING VN SIGNED IN 1954. SOME OTHER "BETTER THINGS IN LIFE" ALSO MAKING WAY NORTHWARD -- APPEARANCE FEW PAIRS OF US-STYLE BLUE JEANS RECENTLY CAUSED SENSATION, FOR EXAMPLE (WP).

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS ONLY 107 US OFFICIALS

LEFT IN LAOS, MORE WERE EXPECTED LEAVE ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS BEFORE THURSDAY (PHINQ); SAYS AFTER AID MISSION CLOSES JUNE 30, EMBASSY PROBABLY WILL BE LEFT WITH ONLY 30 AMCIT STAFF MEMBERS (AP CHITRIB, SUN; WP).

ROSEMARY CONWAY REPORTEDLY ALLOWED SEE US CONSUL AND DOCTOR WEDNESDAY (WP, PHINQ AP, CHITRIB).

NCNA REPORTS NEW CAMBODIA GOVT HAS CLEARED MEKONG OF WAR DEBRIS AND LAUNCHED MASSIVE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO RESTORE RAIL LINES, BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS.

RADIO PP SAYS NEW REGIME WILL CONCENTRATE ON MODERNIZING AGRIC BEFORE TACKLING INDUSTRIALIZATION PROBLEMS, AND REVOLUTIONARY AND PRODUCTION COMMITTEES ARE TAKING CHARGE OF WATER MANAGEMENT RECONSTRUCTION (WP).

GLOBE'S NYHAN REPORTS 21 HOUSE DEMS (UPI WP SAYS 29) FILED RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY WEDNESDAY TO GET "COMPLETE ACCOUNT" OF MAYAGUEY INCIDENT FROM PRES FORD. DEM LEADERSHIP SPOKESMAN VOICED DOUBT FULL HOUSE WILL ENDORSE DEMAND. DOD SAID WEDNESDAY REVISED CASUALTY LIST INCLUDES 15 AMERICANS KILLED, THREE MARINES MIA, 50 WOUNDED; BUT SAID INCORRECT TO ADD 23 AF MEN KILLED MAY 13 IN THAILAND CHOPPER CRASH.

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GALLUP POLL REPORTS FORD POPULARITY RATING UP BY 11 POINTS, TO 51 PCT, IN MONTH FOLLOWING MAYAGUEZ EVENT (NYT, GLOBE). HARRIS SURVEY SIMILARLY FINDS RISE IN PRES' RATING, BUT 12-POINT DROP IN HAK'S, TO 56 PCT, AS RESULT OF US ACTION IN MAYAGUEZ CASE (GLOBE, WP, CHITRIB).

## 2. JAPAN

HITACHI SHIPBUILDING CO WILL SELL 50 MIL DOL FERTILIZER PLANT TO HANOI, WITH FERTILIZER PRODUCED TO BE IMPORTED TO JAPAN (UPI JOC).

JAPAN'S GNP FALLS SIX-TENTHS OF 1 PCT DURING FISCAL 1974. FIRST TIME SINCE WWII REAL GNP DECLINED FROM ONE YEAR TO NEXT. ATTRIBUTED TO DECREASED CONSUMER SPENDING, LOW REAL ESTATE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS (SUN).

JAPANESE CERTIFIED EXPORTS DOWN 7.1 PCT FROM 1974 LEVEL, SAYS MAY REPORT. MITI CITES SHARP DROPS IN EXPORTS TO INDUSTRIALLY-ADVANCED COUNTRIES AS MAIN REASON (CULLISON, JOC).

PRICES OFFERED BY NEW SOUTH WALES COKING COAL SUPPLIERS UNACCEPTABLE TO JAPANESE STEEL PRODUCERS. EETTLEMENT UNLIKELY UNLESS AUSTRALIAN SHIPPERS AGREE TO FUTHER PRICE CONCESSIONS (JOC).

JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN GEORGIA PROVIDED 2500 JOBS, 150 MIL DOL REVENUE OVER LAST FEW YEARS. IN TOKYO, LTGOV MILLER EXPRESSES HOPE IN FURTHER MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS TRADE (CULLISON, JOC).

WSJ REPORTS TOKYO STOCKS RISE AMID TUMBLING PRICES ON LONDON EXCHANGE. CONSTRUCTION-RELATED STOCKS CLIMB ON REPORTS GOJ PLANNING EXTEND LOW-INTEREST HOUSING LOANS.

### 3. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN ADVERTISERS MOVING CAUTIOUSLY IN VIEW NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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STRICT CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS. COURTS ABLE INVOKE 65,000 DOL FINE PER COUNT FOR FIRM, 13,300 DOL PER COUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL ENGAGING IN "MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE" CONDUCT.

### 4. KOREA

HALLORAN (NYT) REPORTS WAR SCARE EBBS IN SEOUL BUT NORMAL HIGH TENSION RETURNS. US MILITARY SOURCES SEE NEW NK ARMORED DIVISION NEAR DMZ BUT DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS REORGANIZED UNIT OR ADDITIONAL ONE. SEES THREAT TO NE ISLANDS AS SERIOUS BUT DECISION TO DEFEND RESTS WITH US-LEAD UNC. TUNNELS A PROBLEM BUT PROBABLY INTENDED FOR RELATIVELY SMALLER GROUPS OF NKS, NOT DIVISIONS AS CHARGED. RECAPS LINEUP OF FORCES. US TROOP LEVELS EXPECTED TO FALL TO BELOW THE 42,000 AUTHORIZED, AS TRAVEL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. THE TREATY LESS UNEQUIVOCAL THAN RECENT RHETORIC LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE. EXTERNAL ATTACK CLAUSE WOULD ELIMINATE US HELP IN GUERRILLA WAR. CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES PHASE MEANS DILEMMA FOR US WHETHER OR NOT, IN FACE OF ATTACK, US SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN ANOTHER LAND WAR.

WP REPORTS KIM IL SUNG'S RETURN NK (AFP).

### 5. INDONESIA

DAN COGGIN (STAR 6/11) REPORTS LONG ACCOUNT OF PERTAMINA FINANCIAL TROUBLES WHICH HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON NATIONAL ECONOMY. THREE BILLION DOLLAR DEBT SLOWING COUNTRY'S

DEVELOPMENT. REMNANTS OF PKI WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY. WESTERN TRAINED TECHNICRATS CONCERNED OVER ARMY CONTROLLED PERTAMINA DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING WIDE-SPREAD CORRUPTION. NEW YORK SYNDICATE PUTTING TOGETHER LOAN TO COVER SHORT TERM DEBTS.

6. BURMA

BURMESE TROOPS ARREST 213 ANTIGOV'T DEMONSTRATORS IN RANGOON'S PAGODA DISTRICT. GOV'T BANS PUBLIC UNCLASSIFIED

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GATHERINGS HOPING AND "COMMUNIST-INSPIRED" STUDENT AGITATION (AP, NYT; WP; WEJ; PHINQ; CHITRIB).

7. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS RETURNS FROM PRC PLEDGING NEWLY-ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH PRC WON'T PREJUDICE PHIL TIES WITH US, OTHER ALLIES. ALSO STATED FEARS ABOUT PRC SUPPORT FOR PHIL COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT "SET AT REST" AFTER VISIT (UPI, CHITRIB; NYT).

8. THAILAND

KUKRIT ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT THAILAND WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC NEXT MONTH; TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE CHATICHAI WILL VISIT PEKING IN EARLY JULY TO COMPLETE TALKS (UPI CHITRIB, WSTAR 6/11; WP).

9. CHINA

NCNA SAYS PRC DOCKWORKERS ARE NOW "FROM A DOZEN TO SEVERAL DOZEN TIMES" AS EFFICIENT AS BEFORE 1949. GIVES AS EXAMPLE DAIREN "EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENT" TO UNLOAD 6,700 METRIC TONS CARGO; WITH ONLY ONE BRIGADE DOCKERS ON DUTY, IN RAINSTORM, THEY COMPLETED JOB IN EIGHT HOURS FOR 30 PCT INCREASE IN LOADING EFFICIENCY

(JOC).

10. DIEGO GARCIA

SOMALIA DENIES SCHLESINGER CLAIM SOVIET BUILDING MISSILE BASE AT BERBERA. FM GHALIB CHARGES REPORTS ARE ZIONIST PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY ESTABLISHMENT MAJOR US BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA (WP)

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

ELIOT JANEWAY (STAR 6/11) SUGGESTS US FOLLOW JAPAN'S  
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EXAMPLE IN DEALING WITH ENERGY CRUNCH. JAPAN, UNABLE  
TO COPE WITH INCREASING OIL PRICES RESORTED TO BARTER  
IN CONTRAST WITH US EFFORT AT APPEASEMENT. JAPANESE  
SWAPS OIL FOR STEEL WITH CHINA. CANADA'S ECONOMY

COMPLIMENTS THAT OF US. SWAP OF US CAPITAL FOR  
CANADIAN OIL AND MINERALS SUGGESTED.

12. KOREA

ZORZA (WP; CSM) EXAMINES KIM IL SUNG'S WARNINGS THAT  
WAR MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT WHICH MIRRORS  
WASHINGTON'S FEARS. REPORTS NODONG SHUINMUN'S WARN-  
INGS THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD NOT MISCALCULATE NK.  
POSSIBLE TO INTERPRET KIM'S TRIP AS EFFORT TO WARN  
US AGAINST ATTACK IN WAKE OF MAYAGUEZ. POSSIBLE  
HE SEEKING DIPLOMATIC HELP FOR UNGA. HOWEVER STREAK  
OF IRRATIONALITY MAY SHOW UP IN ANOTHER EFFORT TO  
REUNIFY COUNTRY BY FORCE (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

EVANS AND NOVAK (WP) REPORT INTERVIEW WITH PRES.  
PARK WHO REITERATES DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR EVERY  
INCH OF KOREAN SOIL EVEN IF US FORCES LEAVE AND OPENS  
PROSPECT OF GOING NUCLEAR IF AMERICAN NUKE UMBRELLA  
WITHDRAWN. PARK REAFFIRMS PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE OF  
ASSURANCES, BUT SAYS MANY KOREANS DO NOT SHARE THIS  
VIEW. LIKENS US TROOPS TO FULLBACK IN SOCCER WHO SERVES  
AS LAST LINE OF DEFENSE. BANNING DISSENT NECESSARY  
TO PREVENT ANOTHER VIET NAM. PARK KNOWS THIS MAJOR  
HEADACHE WITH WASHINGTON (SEE USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STAR FRONT PAGES INTERVIEW WITH PRES PARK IN WHICH  
PRES CALLS ON US TO DEMONSTRATE ITS RESOLVE AND  
COMMITMENT WITH ACTION. SAYS CRUX OF ISSUE IS HOW  
NK' INTERPRETS US RESOLVE. STRONG POSSIBILITY NORTH  
MAY DELUDE ITSELF INTO THINKING 40,000 US TROOPS  
CANNOT POSSIBLY DO WHAT 500,000 US TROOPS COULD NOT  
DO IN VIET NAM. INSTABILITY DUE TO NEXT YEAR'S US  
ELECTION CAMPAIGN CAN LEAD TO NK MISCALCULATION.  
POSSIBILITY OF NK ATTACK REAL -- BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND  
GUERRILLA. KOREAN PEOPLE WILL FIGHT. HUMAN RIGHTS  
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CONTROLS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF CRITICAL SITUATION  
BUT US SHOULD KNOW WHICH KOREA IS ITS FRIEND. EMERGENCY  
MEASURES WILL BE RELAXED AS TENSION ON PENINSULA  
EBBS. "WE MUST HAVE THE WISDOM TO COMBINE IDEALS

WITH REALITY." US CRITICS SHOULD COMMEND ROK EFFORTS  
TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY IN FACE OF ADVERSITY.

13. PHILIPPINES

GOP PLACES 2-PAGE PAID WP AD PRAISING MARCOS,  
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE AND GROWTH. TEXT CARRIES  
SMALL HISTORY "FIRST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN ASIA,"

GRAPHS PHILIPPINES' ECON SITUATION, SUMMARY MARCOS'  
AGRARIAN REFORM, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; MARCOS'  
SOLUTIONS TO DISUNITY, ESPECIALLY AMONG MUSLIMS IN  
SOUTH. TEXT ALSO CITES US-PHILS RELATIONS UNDERGOING  
"MATURING PROCESS" WHERE BOTH NATIONS SEEKING  
"PRAGMATIC PARTNERSHIP." GOP BELIEVES PHILS MUST  
CHART MORE SEPARATE COURSE FROM US, YET ARTICLE  
EMPHASIZES FILIPINO AFFINITY FOR US IN FACT "OLD  
AFFECTION STILL RULES RELATIONS WITH AMERICAMZ

14. THAILAND

CHITRIB'S KIRK WONDERS IF THAIS, WITH THEIR "STRANGE  
WAY OF NOT MEANING WHAT THEY SAY AND NOT SAYING WHAT  
THEY MEAN," ARE SERIOUS IN ASKING WITHDRAWAL US  
FORCES. ANSWER PROBABLY BOTH YES AND NO. THAIS MOST  
LIKELY SEE PROSPECT OF NOT OVER-CLOSE FRIENDSHIP  
WITH PRC AND NVN AS WAY TO NEGOTIATE SCALING-DOWN  
OF COMMUNIST SUPPORT FOR REBELS IN NE THAILAND.  
MEANWHILE, PEKING, IF NO ONE ELSE, SENSES SPECTER OF  
SOVIET PLANES RAIDING PRC FROM US-BUILT BASES IN  
THAILAND.

15. GENERAL

ROCHE (BALT NA) COMPLAINS TOO MANY US COMMENTATORS  
OVERLOOK "COMMUNIST BARBARISM," CITES "HORRENDOUS  
FORCED EVACUATION" PP AND HARSH ANTI-CRIME MEASURES  
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